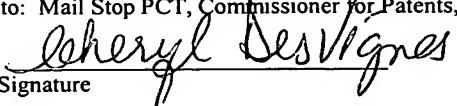


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>1015874692</b>	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/FR2005/000050</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>10 January 2005</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>27 January 2004</b>	
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> <b>DEVICE AND METHOD FOR LAYING RIGID TUBULAR PIPES</b>			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Philippe ESPINASSE</b>			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
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<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol>			
<b>EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE</b>			
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[X] 2 Sheet of Drawings; EFS Form: postcard; Copy of 1 <sup>st</sup> page of publication; English Translations of Specification, International Search Report PCT/FR2005/000050 dated 3 June 2005, PTO-1449 with 3 References.		
The following fees have been submitted		
21. [X] Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)).....\$300		
22. [X] Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary Examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$0 All other situations.....\$200		
23. [X] Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination Report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority.....\$100 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB.....\$400 All other situations.....\$500		
<b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</b>		
[ ] Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.		
Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).		
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
Total Claims	16 - 20 =	x \$ 50
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	x \$200
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)		+ \$360
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>		
[ ] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by $\frac{1}{2}$ .		
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>		
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)). +		
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>		
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by the appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +		
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>		
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